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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4497

INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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AMEMBASSY RABAT

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, EAGR, UN, AF

SUBJ: UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION: AFGHAN RESOLUTION ON
FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LDC'S

1. ON SEPT 17, MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DISCUSSED WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER THE RECENT UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION AT NAIROBI, WHICH MAROOFI ATTENDED AS A MEMBER OF THE AFGHAN DELEGATION.

2. MAROOFI WAS PLEASED THAT A DRAFT RESOLUTION HE HAD PROPOSED, "FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES", HAD BEEN "APPROVED" BY THE CONFERENCE DELEGATES "THROUGH A CONSENSUS." HE WAS DISTURBED, HOWEVER, BY THE SUBSEQUENT OBJECTIONS RAISED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION, WHO, ACCORDING TO MAROOFI, MISTAKENLY ASSUMED THAT HE HAD BEEN CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE. MAROOFI
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REQUESTED THAT THE EMBASSY TRANSMIT THE TEXT OF HIS RESOLUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT, CALLING ATTENTION TO THE "URGES" PARAGRAPH WHICH CALLS FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE TO BE PERFORMED BY EXISTING AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS -- AND REQUESTED THAT WE ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE USG STILL IS TROUBLED BY THIS WORDING.

3. THE TEXT OF THE COPY OF THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED BY MAROOFI

READS:

BEGIN TEXT DISTR.
UNITED NATIONS LIMITED
CONFERENCE A/CONF.74/L.38
ON DESERTIFICATION 8 SEPT 1977
AUGUST 29 - SEPT 9, 1977 NAIROBI, KENYA.
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES

DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY: AFGHANISTAN SUDAN
 BANGLADESH SYRIA
 EGYPT TANZANIA
 LESOTHO UGANDA
 MOROCCO
 NEPAL

BEARING IN MIND THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ITS RESOLUTION
3337 (XXXIX) OF 17 DECEMBER 1974, DECIDED TO CONVENE AN
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION IN 1977,
RECOGNIZING THAT DESERTIFICATION PROCESSES CONSTITUTE A GLOBAL
HUMAN AND SOCIAL PROBLEM AS INDICATED IN THE OVERVIEW AND THE
PLAN OF ACTION,
CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT A NUMBER OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN
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PARTICULAR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WITH THEIR LIMITED
RESOURCES, ARE CONFRONTED WITH SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
PROBLEMS, AND ENCOUNTER THE THREAT OF DESERTIFICATION,
EMPHASIZING THEIR CONVICTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY
OF STATES OVER THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES,
RECALLING RESOLUTION 98 (IV) OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE
ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT,

1. URGES THE UNITED NATIONS, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND
INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO EXTEND,
IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT INTERNATIONAL AND BILATERAL ASSISTANCE,
APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENABLING THEM TO COMBAT
DESERTIFICATION EFFECTIVELY AS INDICATED IN THE PLAN OF ACTION.

2. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT REQUEST THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS RE-
SOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION.
END TEXT

4. WOULD THE DEPARTMENT INFORM THE EMBASSY WHAT HAPPENED TO
MAROOFI'S RESOLUTION? IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING HELP RECENTLY

PROVIDED BY MAROOFI'S DEPARTMENT ON THE GUAM AND PUERTO RICO
ISSUES, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A REASONABLY
PROMPT REPLY.
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